Indo-Pak Talks

307. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of subjects discussed recently at Delhi between the delegations of India and Pakistan;

(b) whether any agreements have been reached as a result of these discussions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) Home and Foreign Secretaries of India held talks with their Pakistani counter-parts at New Delhi recently.

The main focus of talks between the Home Secretary of India and the Interior Secretary of Pakistan was on Pakistan's involvement in extremist activities directed against India. The two sides were able to work out some interim measures to facilitate cooperation between their respective border security forces.

Talks between the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan covered a wide range of bilateral and other issues of mutual interest. No agreement was signed during these talks.

Issue of Passport to Indian Citizens

308. SHRI M. S GURUPADA SWAMY:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government issues fresh passport to an Indian citizen if his passport is lost sotlen or damaged;

(b) if so, the number of such passports issued during the first four months of 1988;

(c) whether 'Emergency Travel Certificates is also issued by the passport authorities in India and Indian missions abroad; and

(d) whether it is a fact that an 'Emergency Travel Certificate' was issued to Mr. Win Chaddha while he was in America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A fresh passport (valid for 5 years) is not issued in such a case but only a replacement passport restricted to original validity or a short-term passport or an Emergency Certificate.

(c) Emergency Certificate is issued only by the Indian mission abroad.

(d) No, Sir.

Conditions to stop LTTE Military offensive in Sri Lanka

309. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have put any new conditions against LTTE to stop military offensive in Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fresh wave of "Chakma influx"

310. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a fresh wave of "Chakma Influx"; and

(b) if so, what are the measures taken to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) While small number of Chakma refugees continue to enter India from Bangladesh at intervals, in June 1988 a group of 155 refugees entered India.

(b) Government have been maintaining continuous contact with the Bangladesh Government to persuade them to take the necessary steps which would create conditions of peace and security in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh so that the Chakmas do not feel the need to flee their homeland and come to India.

Problems in operation of Bofors gun

311. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 29th May, 1988 wherein it has been stated that Bofors guns have developed minor problem in operation;

(b) whether some more guns have been found defective;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Certain minor faults, which had developed in a few Bofors Guns. were rectified by a Technical Team of the supplier stationed in India.

Withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka

312. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM:
SHRI M. VINCENT:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will he Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some units of the IPKF have been withdrawn from Sri Lanka recently;

(b) if so, what was the number of IPKF personnel in Sri Lanka as on the 31st March, 1988;

(c) what are the casualties since the IPKF forces landed in Sri Lanka under the Sri Lanka-India Agreement and

(d) whether any time limit has been set for total withdrawal of IPKF from Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 48,803.

(c) 530 killed and 1,567 wounded as on 25-7-88.

(d) The duration of the IPKF's stay in Sri Lanka has to be seen in the perspective of the implementation of the Indo Sri Lanka Agreement.

Bangladesh move to construct flyover at Tinbigha

313. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bangladesh proposes to contruct a flyover at Tinbigha linking its enclaves viz. Dahagram and Angrapota, which are in Indian territory, with Bangladesh; and